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Sponsors: Xavier L. Suarez ,Prime Sponsor

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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County Attorney	8/8/2012		Assigned	R. A. Cuevas, Jr.		

LEGISLATIVE TEXT

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BODY

WHEREAS, International Players Championship operates the Sony Open Tennis Tournament ("the Sony") an annual tennis tournament ("the Tournament") within the Tennis Center at Crandon Park; and

WHEREAS, the Tournament is a premier sporting event and showcases our community throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, preserving and promoting this annual event is of utmost importance to Miami-Dade County, its residents, the community, South Florida and Crandon Park; and

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Home Rule Charter restricts certain development within parks; and

WHEREAS, the Sony has advised the County of the need to construct new facilities and expand its existing facilities, not to exceed in size and in the approximate location described in Exhibit A, and modify its existing agreements with the County, with terms no less favorable to the County than those contained in Exhibit B, in order to continue to provide for this community a world-class Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Sony has offered to construct such improvements funded solely by tennis center and Tournament revenues and private funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sony and the County wish to submit to the voters of the County a referendum question that would approve the foregoing for Article 7 purposes so that the County may undertake such other steps as may be required by law; and

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Charter requires that such referendum be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voters in a county-wide referendum,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. A county-wide special election is hereby called and shall be held in Miami-Dade County, Florida, in conjunction with a general election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County the referendum ballot question as set forth below.

Section 2. Notice of such election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. The referendum question election shall be deemed approved upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County voting upon the proposal. The polls at such election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of such election. All qualified electors of Miami-Dade County, Florida shall be entitled to vote at said election. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections until twenty-nine (29) days prior to the date of such election, at which time the registration books will close in accordance with the provisions of general election laws. The question shall appear on the ballot in substantially the following form:

REFERENDUM REGARDING STRUCTURES AND MODIFICATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS FOR THE TENNIS CENTER AT CRANDON PARK

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 7 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, DO YOU APPROVE AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION R-[]:

* ERECTION OF PERMANENT STRUCTURES AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AT CRANDON PARK TENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC PARK AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT USE, WHICH SHALL BE FUNDED SOLELY BY TENNIS CENTER AND TOURNAMENT REVENUES AND PRIVATE FUNDS; AND

* MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF AGREEMENTS WITH OPERATOR OF SONY OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT OR ITS SUCCESSORS?

YES

NO

Section 4. The form of the ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 5. Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

Section 6. Absentee paper ballots may be used by qualified electors of Miami-Dade County for voting on this question. The form of such absentee ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by general election laws.

Section 7. A sample ballot showing the manner in which the question or proposal aforesaid will appear at this election shall be published and provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of general election laws.

Section 8. This election on the proposal aforesaid shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the general laws relating to elections and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The County Mayor or his or her designee, the Finance Director, and the Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this resolution. This election shall be a nonpartisan election. Election officials in connection with this election shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of general election laws.

Section 9. This election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter.

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